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TRUSTEES' MEETING

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held Thursday night, August 1st, all members present.

Messrs. Burns and Davis of the Pacific Light & Power Co. appeared before the board and made a bid for furnishing the city with lights. After going over the matter very thoroughly it was decided to take it up at a special meeting to be held Saturday evening, August 3. The matter was again put over to regular meeting of Thursday, August 8.

The question of appointing a city plumber, building and electrical inspector then came up. Several applications were read, that of Mr. Charles L. Jennings being supported by a petition of 200 names. The subject brought forth much discussion, in which the old fictional fight of months ago was brought in. Dr. Conrad supported Mr. A. H. Donegan with a number of strong recommendations. A resolution was then introduced by Mr. Hobbs appointing Mr. Jennings, which was voted for by Hobbs, Bancroft and Webster; Conrad and Oliver voting no.

GUERNSEY-HARRISON WEDDING

Miss Pearl Harrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harrison, and Frank H. Guernsey, the jeweler, were married at 8 o'clock, Wednesday evening, at the home of the bride's parents on West Park avenue. The simple ring ceremony was used. Rev. S. W. Carnes, pastor of the Methodist church of Tropico, officiating. Miss Myrtle Harrison, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Miss Lola Pratt and Jens Askeland were also members of the bridal party.

The wedding took place in the open moonlight, the bride and groom standing beneath a canopy of flowers and greenery. Following the ceremony a wedding supper was served, after which Mr. and Mrs. Guernsey left for a honeymoon trip of a month in and about Santa Barbara. Upon their return they will occupy a home provided by the groom at 415 Cedar street.—Glendale News.

PICNIC

A grand picnic will be held by the Orange County and Los Angeles County lodges of the Fraternal Brotherhood on Thursday, August 29 at Long Beach. There will be round-trip rate from Glendale and Tropico of 60 cents and all persons wearing a Fraternal Brotherhood picnic badge will be entitled to the following concessions: A 15-cent rate at the bath house and a straight 5-cent rate on the Spiral Way, Roller Coaster, County Jail and Cave of Mystery. Also free use of the picnic part of the auditorium, coffee room and utensils. Also free use of the auditorium for the day and evening and the municipal band for the same length of time. This picnic is not only for members, but also their friends.

Picnic badges can be obtained for 5 cents each from Wayne V. Frank, 202 San Fernando road; or C. H. Cushing, 420 N. Glendale avenue. Reservations for tickets can be made at the same places by depositing the sixty cents.

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E. F. THOLEN, M. D., Health Officer.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Miss Lois Duncan is the house guest of Mrs. M. Keihl at Balboa for a few days.

Now that Mrs. E. W. Richardson is back it is hoped the library building will be started.

J. M. Lampert, candidate for the assembly from this district, was in the city Thursday looking after his fences.

Mrs. C. L. Thedaker and Mrs. A. J. Prues attended a matinee party at the Orpheum in Los Angeles Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pruse made the trip up Mount Wilson Saturday night, returning Sunday. They were delighted with the trip.

The tent city of Glendale is in full blast, connected with Tropico by a cement sidewalk on Central avenue the entire distance.

Mrs. Frank H. Davis and children returned from Balboa Sunday, where they spent two weeks. They are in fine health and spirits.

The erection of another business block is demanded in Tropico. We must have a moving picture show and dry goods and notion store.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fishel spent Saturday and Sunday in Santa Barbara, visiting their son and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack H. Fishel.

Miss Blanche Shea, secretary of the Presbyterian Sunday school of Tropico and a popular Philletian, is having an enjoyable outing at Long Beach.

"Song service," under the lead of Cleone Daniels Bergren, at the Presbyterian Church sabbath evenings, is a feature of unusual attractiveness.

Eight thousand seven hundred dollars of the assessment for the improvement of Glendale avenue was paid in cash up to the first of August.

Mr. and Mrs. Omar Richardson have moved from Wood's Hotel, where they have lived for the past year, into their new home on Louise street, Glendale.

Judge J. E. Shuey who has been on the sick list for the past three months is confined to his home on Columbus avenue again. It is hoped that he will be out soon.

Farther than the appointment of Charles Jennings to the office of building inspector the last meetings of the Board of Trustees have been unproductive of results.

Mrs. George, the carrier of U. S. mail for Los Angeles Rural Route No. 5, left Saturday by ocean steamer for the north for a well-earned vacation in Oregon and Washington.

Every member of Visor Lodge should attend next Monday night. Rank of knight will be conferred. Visitors cordially invited.

F. H. Davis, K. of R. & S.

The Fraternal Brotherhood Lodge will hold an interesting meeting in the Pythian Hall Wednesday night. Every member is urged to be present. The first dividend will be paid—in cash.

W. W. Schimmel, who sold his place on Glendale avenue a year ago and left for back east, has returned to Tropico to live. His family will be back as soon as he can find for it a local habitation.

In their Castle Hall at Tropico, on Thursday night of last week, the Knights of Pythias had another of their social dances, successful and well attended as usual. The music was especially fine.

A sentiment in favor of organizing an improvement association among citizens of the east side is crystalizing. The question of whether it shall be a city wide association or confined exclusively to the east side is under consideration.

Fred C. Richardson and family are home from their summer vacation, and on Sunday last Mr. Richardson resumed his place as superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday school his assistant, Paul Gilmore, has so efficiently filled in his absence.

The Board of Trustees displayed much wisdom in appointing J. W. Gould as city marshal. He is thoroughly qualified for the position, as was demonstrated by his breaking up a gang of boys who had caused the business men of Tropico much uneasiness for the past several months.

Mr. Henry G. Pettit, the young lawyer of Tropico, who is fast winning his way by his genial and kindly bearing into popular favor and high esteem with the people of the city will leave on the 12th of August for a fishing and hunting trip up the famous Bear Creek canyon. He will have for his companion Mr. S. W. Odell, of Taft, Tanner & Odell, the law firm with whom Mr. Pettit has his Los Angeles office.

Representatives of the Post Office Department are seen at the local office quite frequently lately. We understand a new carrier is to be added to the force soon.

Mrs. Emil Tholen of Brand blvd. entertained the Tropico Bridge Whist Club on Tuesday afternoon. Refreshments were served on the cozy porch. Mrs. Charles Barker scored for head prize.

Miss Bettie Fishel, after a two months' vacation at Tehachapi, on her father's ranch at that place, has returned to her home on West Park avenue much delighted with her generous outing.

Calvin Enoch has been sent by Judge Wilbur to the "Junior Republic" at Chino in San Bernardino county, there to remain until he reaches the age of eighteen, when he will go forth into the world again equipped for a life of usefulness.

Charles Jennings was appointed plumbing, building and electrical inspector by the Board of Trustees Thursday night. Mr. Jennings is well fitted for the position and will give entire satisfaction to all concerned. It is in keeping with all the appointments of the board. Every appointment is a credit to the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt W. Richardson and children have completed their eastern visit and started on their return home from Chicago. Mrs. Richardson and children are traveling by railway, and Mr. Richardson in company with Mr. W. H. Bulls are journeying overland by automobile, specially rigged and equipped for the long journey in comfort if not luxury.

City Marshal Gould returned from a point 15 miles east of Victorville, San Bernardino county, early Sunday morning, with young Van Slyck, formerly of Tropico, who is charged with the burglary of the post office some time in December last. O. E. Burch accompanied the marshal on the trip, which proved tiresome in the extreme. The young man is one of a gang who were causing a condition of nervousness throughout the city by their depredations. He was committed to the Detention Home in Los Angeles on Monday morning to await a hearing before Judge Wilbur.

The contract of the city of Glendale with the Pacific Power & Light company for an electric current is about to expire, and the city is taking the opportunity to cut itself loose from that concern and get its current from Pasadena on much better terms.

With the immediate prospect in view of obtaining electricity for city light and power purposes from Los Angeles at an extremely low rate, to tie the city up to an extremely high rate in a five-year contract with the Pacific Light & Power company, at this time, would be an exceedingly unwise procedure in the public estimation, we doubt not.

The ornately prepared invitations issued by the Misses Esther Jones, Jean McNutt, Blanche Shea, Ethel Baker and Pearl St. Clair in the name of the "Big Five" to a Leap Year party of the progressive pattern for the Baracca and Philathea classes of the Presbyterian Church, last Wednesday evening, succeeded in bringing out a most enjoyable affair. The Philatheas escorted the Barracas as they "progressed" from home to home, changing partners as each home was visited. With the constant occurrence of "something different" at each home, the evening soon passed to come to a climax with dainty refreshments at the home of Miss St. Clair on Mira Loma avenue.

SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAINMENT

The first anniversary of Visor Lodge, No. 293, Knights of Pythias was celebrated in elegant style, Monday night, July 29.

The beautiful hall was tastefully arranged and Tropico's population was well represented, about 400 attending. Testifying to the high esteem in which this order is held by the citizens of Tropico. July 28, 1911 this lodge was organized in Tropico with 52 members, the best citizens of the community joining it. Today it has 90 members and the Pythian Sisters have a membership of 50.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. F. H. Davis, who extended a welcome to those present on behalf of Visor Lodge and La Halla Temple, and told of the growth of the lodge during the past year.

The following program was then rendered, every one receiving liberal applause, and justly so, because every one was worthy of the occasion.

1. Piano Duet, "The Bird of Paradise," Leona and Walter Hibbert.
2. Melvino The Paper Artist, Ed. Shipman.
3. Tenor Solo, Marquis Ellis, accompanist, Miss Elsie Vance.
4. Violin Solo, Dwight Stephenson, accompanist, Miss Katherine Hobbs.
5. Tableau, Damon and Pythias, Prof. Cressey and Company.
6. Selection, Trio, Mrs. West, Miss Baker, Mr. Baker.
7. Vocal Solo, H. G. Pettit, accompanist, Miss Elsie Vance.
8. Recitation, Cleone Daniels Bergren.
9. Piano Solo, Miss Elsie Vance.

10. Address, Judge Ralph W. Schoonover.

The Tableau of Damon and Pythias was the recipient of much praise. The five tableaux were beautiful and every one of those taking part deserve much credit. Mr. W. G. Cressey, an enthusiastic member of the Lodge had charge of this tableau, and from the remarks heard, he will be called on to repeat the performance.

After the program was completed, refreshments were served, consisting of ice cream, pineapple ice punch and home made cake, furnished by the Pythian Sisters. Dancing was indulged in and at 11:30 the guests departed voting it a most successful affair.

The proposition for electrifying the "Salt Lake Branch" through Tropico to Glendale is receiving the favorable consideration of the Pacific Electric people. Paul Shoup, President of the Company is at the present time in San Francisco. On his return, which will be in a day or two, the matter will be determined upon finally.

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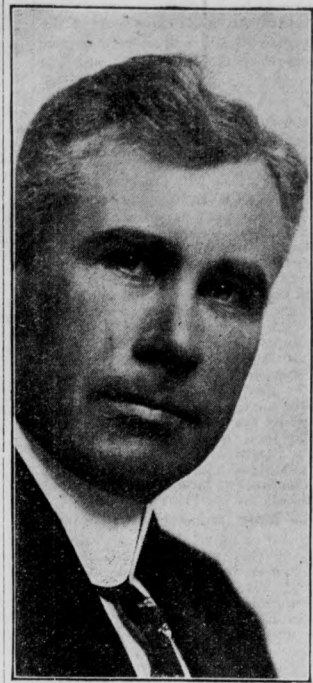
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This was the ringing proposal made by Charlie Randall of Highland Park, militant anti-boss candidate for Congress, at a meeting of Long Beach progressives. Bell of Pasadena, who has since been endorsed by Lissner's hand-picked committee, only four of whom are residents of this district, was present and received the proposal in silence.

Randall, who served in the last legislature so satisfactorily to his constituents, is making a campaign of the tripartite kind. From every section comes praise for his independent stand, and for his defiance of the Los Angeles boss.

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"It shall be the duty of the City Marshal, after twenty-four hours from the publishing of this order, to kill all dogs found unmuzzled or running at large contrary to this order."

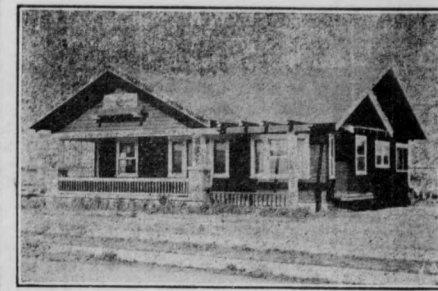
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CITY'S FINANCES MAKE RECORD

Assessed Valuation of Nearly One Billion Dollars—City Council Contemplates Expenditure of About Six Million for the Coming Year.

More money was turned into the reserve and unexpended balance fund at the end of the fiscal year just concluded than at any other time in the city's past history. This fund shows a balance of \$1,355,494.98, as against \$1,202,701 for last year. It was through the careful management of the auditor and heads of other departments that it was possible to show this surplus.

When the budget was made up last year \$550,000 was set aside for a reserve fund. This money is intended to carry the city over what is known as the "dry months," the period between August first and the last of November, when no one is paying taxes. But the amount was set aside on estimate and the actual reserve fund exceeded this estimate at the end of the year. It was \$666,895.89. July 1 all the money remaining in the funds of departments was turned into this reserve fund. This unexpended balance amounted to \$328,050, which brought the reserve fund up to its total of \$1,355,495.

Some departments turned back much more than others in proportion to the amount they received at the beginning of the year. The city engineer led with \$86,646.51. Other large amounts turned back were: Assessment and damage fund, \$18,724.98; fire alarm bureau, \$15,554.60; fire department, \$35,619.51; street lighting, \$18,066.33; street sprinkling, \$13,225.09; garbage, \$10,715.60; sewer maintenance, \$10,556.18. Other departmental balances were less than \$10,000.

This reserve fund is a fund of the sources of income for the coming fiscal year and forms part of the total of \$5,821,794, which is the estimate of the city's income for the year. It is one of the largest items of income. Other sources are taxes, \$2,342,404; licenses, \$750,000; departmental receipts, \$360,000, and miscellaneous sources, \$133,895.

The income from taxes is estimated on the assessor's final figures, which were just completed yesterday. Some work still is being done on the personal property roll and it is still subject to slight change. The assessment roll of real estate and secured property, as presented by the assessor was \$243,437,229, but the board of equalization cut \$1,325,760 from this amount, leaving the roll at \$242,111,469.

The personal property roll as it now stands is \$22,096,229, giving a total assessment of \$264,207,698 for all purposes. In addition the operative roll shows \$60,698,615. This is the property of corporations assessable for interest and sinking fund on bonds issued prior to October, 1910. This gives a grand total on the city's assessment roll of \$425,216,395. The valuation of Los Angeles property can be understood when it is considered that the assessment is conservatively based on a valuation of only 50 per cent. This would show a total valuation of nearly a billion.

The \$5,821,794 which the city will receive during the year has been apportioned among the various departments according to their needs as the budget committee looked on them. The budget was reported to the council yesterday and adopted as it stood after an argument on the matter of the appropriation of \$8000 for the municipal lodging house and development bureau. In arranging the budget the committee had to trim \$1,493,728 from the estimates of departments to make them fit the city's income. The departments asked a total of \$2,021,562 more than they received last year and were allowed \$27,831 more than the previous budget carried.

TO BUY STEAM SHOVEL.

Council Tells Park Commission to Patronize Aqueduct Department.

Buy your steam shovel of the aqueduct, was the mandate of the council to the park commission Tuesday when the commission asked for authority to spend \$5000 for such a machine. The supply committee was instructed to find out when the aqueduct will have a steam shovel to sell. Estimates of the time made in the council yesterday varied from eight to ten months.

The park department's appropriation for the fiscal year contains \$15,000 for road work in Griffith park. The park superintendent is of the opinion that by purchasing a steam shovel he can do the work much more economically than by hand shovels.

WILL SUPPLY BOUQUETS

Park Department Will Send Flowers to Mayor and Council Chamber.

Each Tuesday a huge bouquet of flowers is to adorn the desk of the mayor and president of the council, according to the decision of the park commission yesterday. The practice of keeping floral adornment in the city hall was abandoned two years ago, but has been resumed at the suggestion of Acting Mayor Williams.

The decision followed a request from the acting mayor that flowers from the park be sent to hospitals, upon request. This has been the policy of the commission, when flowers were available, but the cost of delivery has always been a point of irritation.

INVESTIGATE FRANCHISES

Council Orders Examination of Status of Covina Line.

Investigation of the franchise rights of the Pacific Electric on its Covina line was ordered by the council Tuesday in connection with the controversy over the crossing of Tremont and Zonal streets.

WILL GET SPUR TRACK PERMITS

Favorable recommendations on the granting of spur track permits were made by the board of public utilities to the council as follows: Pacific Electric, on Alameda street north of the south city limits to connect with the Salt Lake; Pacific Electric at Alameda and Industrial streets; Alhambra and Workman street; S. M. Bernard, Alameda street between Third street and Stephenson avenue; Santa Fe, Mill street between Sixth and Industrial streets.

HARBOR PLAN CHANGED BY RAISE OF PRICES

Crescote Piling Comes Higher—Engineers Report Causes Quick Recasting of Improvements by Commission.

It was necessary for the harbor advisory board to revise its estimates of the cost of building the 1600 foot wharf on Mormon island channel Tuesday when E. D. Vincent, chief assistant harbor engineer, reported that crescote piles and lumber had advanced in price. Previous estimates for the work were based on a quotation of 46 cents per foot for crescote piling, which was the figure submitted by manufacturers of this article last January. A quotation received by the city engineer this week placed the price at 60 cents a foot.

Two estimates of the cost of the Mormon island wharf were given last night by Vincent. One was \$91,962 for a 500-pound load wharf, and the other \$105,072 for a 500-pound load wharf. The advisory board had recommended a 300-pound load wharf, but the weight suggested by E. F. Goodrich, consulting engineer for the harbor, but later found that a city ordinance required 500 pounds and it was necessary last night for the board to rescind its action for instructing Chief Harbor Engineer Hamlin to present plans and specifications for the 500-pound construction. These plans will be ready for the board Monday night.

Important changes in the plans for the Huntington connection were also determined on by the board at its meeting Tuesday. It had expected to build a 1500-foot wharf on the west side, but instead a wharf 2540 feet long and 40 feet wide will be constructed on the west side. The engineer was instructed to prepare plans and specifications for this work and submit them to the United States government engineer for his approval. The estimate of the cost of this wharf is \$896,373. It is to be of concrete and have sheds, tracks and other necessary appliances of a modern wharf.

The plan is to begin the construction of the wharf in advance of the rock levee that is being built on the west side so that the piles may be driven more easily.

The rock will be put in place as the construction of the wharf progresses. Sheds on the wharf will be 100 feet long and 40 feet wide, supported by either pile driven into the fill. The board recommended that the board of public works advertise for bids for the building of the wharf, the cluster piles and the rock levee, the work to progress simultaneously with the construction of the rock riprap on the east side and the filling at the northern end.

WATER SYSTEM GROWS TO GREAT VALUATION

An investment of \$2,517,500 made ten years ago by the city in a water system has grown to a valuation of \$7,083,384, according to the report of the public service commission, which will be made public Thursday. Because of the matters of policy in the report it was not made wholly public yesterday. The big valuation of the city's water plant is the result of an appraisal just finished. The commission declares the system the most successfully conducted in the United States.

During the year ending June 30 more than one mile of pipe per week was laid, the total mileage now being 314.54.

The gross revenues for the same period were \$1,337,775, which is an increase of 10 per cent over the previous year.

Expenditures of \$80,000 in meters is planned and an enlargement of the Crystal Springs conduit is to cost \$70,000 more. For the construction of the San Fernando reservoir \$210,000 is provided.

The most serious problem of the department is extending the system to newly annexed territory, now dependent on inadequate private supplies. San Pedro offers a serious problem which seems to be solved only by the purchase of the present system and using it until a new one can be provided.

COMBINE TWO NEW MUNICIPAL BUREAUS

Believing that the municipal lodging house and the free employment bureau can be operated together at a minimum of expense, the budget committee has made arrangements for an appropriation of \$10,000 in this year's budget for the purpose. The combination of the two is the plan Councilman Whiffen, chairman of the budget committee, has been working for and he just recently persuaded his colleagues on the committee to accept his view.

The council is practically pledged to provide both a municipal lodging house and a free employment bureau. The police department was to have control of the lodging house and in its stead the city engineer will make an appropriation of \$12,000 for that purpose. The free labor bureau was evolved by W. D. Spalding, secretary of the civil service commission and his plan provided that the civil service department should have control over it. The council had definitely instructed the budget committee to make the necessary appropriation, estimated at \$7000, for the labor bureau. Whether the plan of the budget committee to combine the two will meet the approval of the council when the budget is presented will be determined later.

CITY REJECTS CLAIM

Heirs of Men Killed on Aqueduct Ask Damages—Attorney Reports.

Heirs of Norman Scoble, who was killed while at work on the aqueduct, have no legal claim against the city, according to the opinion the city attorney rendered the council Tuesday. The council rejected the claim. The heirs asked damages of \$25,000. Similar action was taken on the claim of heirs of Edward W. Garside, who was killed at the same time. This claim also was for \$25,000.

CITY'S ELECTRIC POWER SYSTEM

Numerous Generating Stations Along Aqueduct Will Obviate Need for Steam Auxiliary Establishments for Emergency Use.

Need of immediate provision for the construction of a municipal light and power distributing system will be emphasized by E. F. Scattergood, chief electrical engineer of the aqueduct, in his annual report now in preparation. His report will be an expression of the big nature of the power development at San Francisco canyon and the importance of a distributing system under municipal ownership.

He will show that revised plans for the two power plants have made it the largest power producing point in the West. In all it will produce a maximum of 114,000 horsepower, which is 24,000 more than has been deemed the top point before. As the total present consumption of current in Los Angeles, exclusive of electric railways, is approximately only 22,000 horsepower the magnitude of the municipal development, in connection with the aqueduct is made more important. The upper plant will produce 70,000 and the lower 44,000 horsepower. The lower plant will have six units, served by six penstocks under a head of 890 feet, but only three will be placed in operation at the beginning of the plant will be finished, except for machinery in anticipation of an early call for its full capacity.

Will Build Transformer Stations. The lower plant (No. 2) will not be built at this time, but all the approaches to it will be made; in fact they are necessary to convey the aqueduct water beyond the overflow lake at the upper station, and they also save the aqueduct several hundred thousand dollars expense for a temporary by-pass. A transforming station will be built in the San Fernando and another in the city.

Present provision only for the 30,000 rated power of three units at the upper station and for a transmission system to the city (capable, however, of transmitting 100,000 volts) because this amount will not only meet the needs of commercial and domestic consumption, outside of railways, but affords an excess of 8000 horsepower. The possibilities of the aqueduct power, which Scattergood shows may easily aggregate 150,000 horsepower if all sources available are developed, as it multiplied and increased in gaining large manufacturing industries and for all manner of harbor uses, including the operation of a municipal railroad, or even for the operation of a local system internally, are suggested by the report.

Scenic Motor Trip

Scattergood also points out that if all the available streams over which the aqueduct has control are developed the horsepower can be brought to a position of diversity or supply that will be of immense advantage because it will eliminate the necessity of establishing auxiliary steam plants for cases of emergency. He points out that the entire power development offers economy and reliability and that the addition of these natural sources in the Owens Valley watershed is an important part of a perfect system, as much as to add 40,000 horsepower. He urges that these features be considered with a view to immediately acquiring rights of way for transmission lines aggregating 125,000 kilowatts.

He finds a new feature in the San Francisco. It is 47 miles from the city, on one of the important northern roads is good motoring or driving all the way, and he suggests that it will be a fine one-day trip for anyone. Of course there is nothing to see now. But he says he hopes to have the upper station completed by next April, coincident with the termination of aqueduct work.

Another important feature of the power construction is the fact that the tunnel will extend continuously from the Fairmount reservoir to the head of the power station penstocks, a distance of 40,220 feet. This makes it one of the longest tunnels in the world and the largest in America. It is shorter than the famous St. Gothard tunnel in Switzerland. Of the total distance 26,500 feet is the Elizabeth tunnel and the remaining 13,720 feet is the diversion tunnel.

Thus nine months hence he expects the six giant penstocks, 890 feet long, carrying the aqueduct water down the steep sides of a "sheep nose" ridge; the power house, 280 feet long and more than 100 feet wide, the giant surge chamber of concrete, 100 feet high, 100 feet in diameter at the top and 30 at the bottom—a great stone cup on the hilltop—the turbines and generators with 50 cycles to the second, to be worth a visit by every citizen of Los Angeles.

Must Have Distributing System

But all this magnitude and power will not be useful unless the city provides the \$5,652,000 needed to put in the local distributing system, he shows. Of it he says:

"Steps should be taken, as soon as practicable, to secure the necessary funds for providing a complete distributing system. In a recent address the expression of popular will that the city itself should distribute the power by means of its own works. This is urgent, not only because of the short time left in which to prepare for the use of the hydro-electric generating system which the city is installing, but also because of the fact that the city is growing rapidly and the necessary initial expenditures for a distributing system increasing rapidly, together with the fact that the streets are becoming more and more effectively blocked against the installation of an independent system, should such be necessary, and while it is practical to install such an independent system at this time it will become very expensive to do so a few years later, thus practically depriving the city of that alternative. The final determination of this question will remove the present independent private interests to interfere with the city's policies and make it possible to effectively plan for the improvement of the general appearance and the lighting of the city's streets."

BEAUTIFUL MONUMENT FOR EXPOSITION PARK

Celebration Committee Would Commemorate Completion of Aqueduct by Erecting Magnificent Art Structure.

Intimations of plans for a colossal monument for Exposition Park, commemorating the completion of the Owens River aqueduct, reached the Park Commission Monday, when F. B. Davidson, secretary of the Los Angeles Celebration Committee, asked cooperation of the officials.

Just what the monument will be has not been determined, but it was stated that from \$350,000 to \$500,000 will be required to make it so distinctive that it will not only lift Los Angeles from the list of cities that have no monuments, but will take rank with the famous structures of the world. This monument feature is understood to be in the hands of a committee, of which Martin C. Neuner is the chairman.

According to Davidson the monument is to be superimposed over the big fountain planned for the park and for which an area 100 feet in diameter has been assigned by the Park Commission in the center of the tract reserved for sunken gardens, and which is partially improved. The celebration committee expects to raise \$200,000 for the purposes of an exposition, to be given next April, when the aqueduct will be completed and the new buildings of Agricultural Park dedicated. Of this sum \$50,000 is to be given to the monument committee to construct the basin of the 100-foot fountain. Later four groups of statuary are to be provided. For temporary exhibition buildings another \$50,000 is to be set aside and the remainder is to be used for reconstruction to last a month—probably all of next April.

The fund for the monument will be raised in addition to the \$200,000 for exposition purposes. The Park Commission expressed the belief that \$20,000 of the expenditure for temporary buildings should be diverted toward permanent improvements. Permission to use the entire park during the exposition was granted.

The exposition will be under the management of Davidson who was director-general of the Cincinnati exposition in 1910.

The Park Commission asked the assessment bureau of the Board of Public Works to hasten the rolls for the condemnation of the strips on the west and east sides of the park, extending it from Figueroa street to Menlo avenue, in order that the strips may be included in the dedication. The celebration committee is composed of 40 prominent business men. J. D. Radford is chairman. Its sub-committees are working out the details of the April celebration.

WILL RECLASSIFY ALL CIVIL SERVICE PLACES

Commissioners Have Plan to Save Money For City and Reduce Number of Examinations Gives Clerks Equal Chance.

Reclassification of the entire civil service of the city is proposed by the civil service commission and that body has asked the council to add \$1000 to its appropriation this year to pay the expenses of the reclassification. The matter is in the hands of the finance committee.

By extending this \$1000 the civil service commission expects to save many times that amount in the future. Reclassification will eliminate many of the classes that now exist and reduce the number of examinations that it is necessary to hold every year because of the many classes. To show how this will work F. M. Dee, chief examiner of the civil service department, cites the fact that last year he held 148 different examinations, while Chicago, with many more employees, only held 87. Every examination costs money and every one that can be eliminated makes for economy.

But the reclassification will result in economy in other directions as well, chiefly in increased efficiency of city employees. The plan contemplates an entire revision of the salary list, so that clerks in one department will receive the same salaries for doing the same work that clerks in other departments receive.

There is much inequality in the salary matter in the city service and it is the source of constant discontent and wire pulling. The civil service commission plans to fix a certain salary for doing certain work and arrange steps of promotion so that when an employee proves himself worth more than he is receiving he can get more in an advanced position.

TO CONSTRUCT GREAT TUNNEL

Officials of the Pacific Electric have announced that plans have been drawn for the proposed tunnel from the Hill street station west to Vermont avenue and that the company is awaiting the adoption of the new charter to determine on what conditions a franchise will be granted before proceeding further.

A petition to exempt from the residence district a lot on South Vermont avenue, between Forty-second place and Forty-third street, was referred to the fire commission by the city council.

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AQUEDUCT INVESTIGATION

Several Phases of Construction of Big Water Way Being Investigated—Mayor Alexander Will Give Testimony.

Investigation of the purchase and use of the 28 caterpillar traction engines used on the aqueduct and then discarded because of their heavy maintenance was the feature of the aqueduct inquiry Tuesday. John A. Fulton and A. C. Hansen were the witnesses. Hansen, who is now inspector of public works, was formerly a division engineer on the aqueduct and was in charge of the engines. Fulton, who was formerly a construction superintendent, testified that the mess was bad and he also criticized the construction of the aqueduct.

H. Hawgood, an engineer, was called to testify as to the impounding of waters in the Tujunga wash. He said a large quantity could be impounded. This testimony was contradictory to that of William Mulholland, who said the Tujunga wash project is a "joke."

Edward Johnson, former member of the investigating board, testified that he had found defects in the construction of the aqueduct that deprecated the use of a cement, especially in the concrete covering, and that the aqueduct was "narrow gauge" and would be expensive to "keep up." Asked if he would accept it were it the work of a private contractor he said "No," and qualified this by saying he would require the portions he criticized to be made good.

The Perry Howard contract in Antelope valley was under investigation and E. S. Cobb, also a former member of the investigating board and Perry A. Howard, the contractor, were the witnesses. They were examined to show that Howard had been paid for reconstruction that was not due to the fault of the city.

The members of the board of public works, Mayor Alexander, W. C. Musket, former city auditor; John S. Myers, present auditor, and Councilmen Williams and Andrews, are to be called to the stand this week.

SOCIAL WORKERS WANT CHARITY COMMISSION

Establishment of a commission to have general supervision over all public charity work in the city, is asked by the Los Angeles Conference of Social Workers. The conference asked the council to enact an ordinance that will provide for such a commission. The public welfare committee will consider the matter.

The plan suggested by the conference is along the lines of similar bodies in Kansas City and Berkeley. An ordinance presented that is based on the ordinances of these two cities. It provides for a commission of five members to be appointed by the mayor, to be known as the social service commission. It is self-perpetuating to the extent that when the term of one of its members expires the others nominate his successor. The nomination is presented to the mayor and if he does not approve it he may ask other nominations.

The commission would have the power to investigate and supervise all charities dependent on public contributions for support. It would advise the council on the matter of municipal charities. It would receive private donations and bequests for charitable purposes and act as a general adviser of relief for the city's poor.

Something of the same kind has been adopted by the city board of freeholders for the new charter under the jurisdiction of the commissioner of public welfare.

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His trembling hand sought mine. "Yes," he said. "Our quarrel is discharged and more than so. Harry, shake hands with Mr. Cowles. And now, men, our quarrel now runs to Gordon Orme! Tomorrow we start for Carolina, where we had his last address. Mr. Cowles, my heart bleeds, it bleeds, sir, for you. But for her also—for her up there. 'Tis courts shall free you quickly and quietly as soon as it can be done. It is you who have freed us all. You have been tried hard. You have proved yourself a man."

The door at the stair burst open. A black maid, breathless, broke into the room.

"She's a-settin' there—Miss Grace just a-settin' there—she began and choked and stammered."

"What is it?" cried Dr. Bond sharply and sprang at the door. I heard him go up the stairs lightly as though he were a boy. We all followed.

I say that we men of Virginia were slow to suspect a woman. I hope we are still slower to gossip regarding one. Not one of us ever asked Dr. Bond a question, fearing lest we might learn what perhaps he knew. He stood beyond her now, his head bowed, his hand feeling for the pulse that was no longer there. The solemnity of his face was louder than speech. It seemed to me that I heard his silent demand that we should all hold our peace forever.

Grace Sherman, her lips just parted in a little crooked smile, such as she might have worn when she was a child, sat at a low dressing table, staring directly into the little mirror which swung before her at its back. Her left arm lay at length along the table. Her right, with its hand under her cheek and chin, supported her head, which leaned but slightly to one side. She gazed into her own face. Into her own heart, into the mystery of human life and its double worlds. I doubt not. She could not tell us what she had learned.

Her father stepped to her side opposite the old doctor. I heard sob as they placed her upon her little white bed, still with that little crooked smile upon her face, as though she were young, very young again.

I went to the window, and Harry, I think, was close behind me. Before me lay the long reaches of our valley shimmering in the midday autumn sun. It seemed a scene of peace and not of tragedy. But even as I looked there came rolling up our valley slowly, almost as though visible, the low, deep boom of the signal gun from the village below. It carried news, the news from America!

I saw Colonel Sherman half look up as he stood bent over the bed. Thus, stunned by horror as we were, we waited. It was a long time, an interminable time, moments, minutes, it seemed to me, until there must have been thrice time for the repetition of the signal, if there was to be one.

There was no second sound. The signal was alone, single, ominous.

"Thank God! Thank God!" cried Colonel Sherman, swinging his hands aloft, tears rolling down his old gray cheeks. "It is war! Now we may find forgetfulness!"

CHAPTER XXIV.

The Reckoning.

SO it was war. We drew apart into hostile camps. By mid-winter South Carolina, Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Texas, had withdrawn from the Union. There arose two capitals, each claiming a government, each planning war—Washington and Richmond. As for me, I had seen the flag on our frontiers in wide, free lands. It was a time when each must choose for himself. I knew with whom my own lot must be cast. I pledged myself to follow the flag of the frontier, wherever it might go.

When the gun of Sumter came on that sad day of April I was ready with a company of volunteers who had known some months of drill at least and who had been good enough to elect me for their captain. Most of my men came from the mountains of western Virginia. I heard remotely that Colonel Meriwether would not join the Confederacy. Both the Sheratons, the old colonel and his son Harry were, of course, for the south, and early in January they both left home for Richmond. On the other hand, again, our friend Captain Stevenson stood for the Federal government, and so I heard also indirectly, did young Belknap of the Ninth dragons, regulars, a gallant boy who swiftly reached distinction, and died a gallant man's death at Shiloh later on.

My mother, all for peace, wept when she saw me in uniform and belt. "See," she said, "we freed our slaves long ago. We thought as the north thinks. This war is not for the Society of Friends." But she saw my father's blood in me again, and sighed. "Go, then," she said. "All over the country, north and south, came the same signed consent of the women, 'Go, then.' And so we went out to kill each other, and who should all have been brothers. None of us would listen. The armies formed, facing each other on Virginia soil. Soon in our trampled fields and broken herds and ruined crops, in our desolated homes and hearts, we brothers in America learned the significance of war."

My men, most of them young fellows used to horse and arms, were brigaded

as infantry with one of the four divisions of McDowell's men, who converged along different lines toward Fairfax.

It was not until the 20th of July that our leaders determined upon a flanking movement to our right, which was to cross Bull Run at the Sudley ford. Even so, we dallied along until every one knew our plans. Back of us the battle opened on the following day, a regiment at a time, with no concert, no plan. My men were with this right wing, which made the turning movement, but four brigades in all. Four other brigades, those of Howard, Burnside, Keyes and Schenck, were lost somewhere to the rear of us. Finally we crossed and reached the left flank of the Confederates under Beauregard, and swung south along Bull Run. Our attack was scattering and ill planned, but



by 3 o'clock of the next day we were in the thickest of the fighting around the slopes which led up to the Henry house, back of which lay the Confederate headquarters.

I saw the batteries of Rickett and Griffin of our regulars advance and take this height against the steadily thickening line of the Confederates, who had now had full time to concentrate. There came a hot cavalry charge upon the zouave regiment on my left, and I saw the zouaves lie down in the woods and melt the line of that charge with their fire and save the battery for a time. Then in turn I saw that blunder by which the battery commander allowed Cummings' men—the Thirty-third Virginia, I think it was—deliberately to march within stone's throw of them, mistaking for Federal troops. I saw them pour a volley at short range into the guns, which wiped out their handlers and let through the charging lines now converging rapidly upon us. Then, though it was but my first battle, I knew that our movement must fail, that our extended line, lying upon nothing, supported by nothing, must roll back in retreat along a trough road, where the horses and guns would now us down. Stuart's men came on, riding through us as we broke. What's Louisiana Tigers came through our remnants as well.

They were practically over us and gone when as I rode to the right flank of the remaining splinter of my little company I saw riding down upon us a splendid soldier, almost alone and apparently endeavoring to reach his command after some delay at the rear. He was mounted on a fine horse, a great black animal. His tall figure was clad in the gray uniform of the Confederates, with a black hat sweeping back from his forehead. I saw him half rise once, twice, four times, standing in the stirrups to enforce his saber cuts, each one of which dropped a man. He and his horse moved together, a splendid engine of ruthless butchery.

"Look out, Cap!" I heard a squeaking voice behind me call and, looking down, I saw one of my men, his left arm hanging loose, resting his gun across a log with his right. "Git out of the way," he repeated. "I'm gonn' to kill him." It was that new-made warrior, Andrew Jackson McGovern, who had drifted back into our valley from some place, and joined my company soon after its organization. I ordered the boy now to drop his gun. "Leave him alone," I cried. "He belongs to me."

It was Gordon Orme. At last fate had relented for me. My enemy was at hand. No man but Orme could thus risk my old horse, Satan.

This is to be said of Gordon Orme, that he feared no man or thing on earth. He smiled at me now, showing his long, narrow teeth, as he came, lightly twirling his long blade. Two pistols lay in my holsters, and both were freshly loaded, but without thought I had drawn my sword for a weapon, I suppose because he was using his. He was a master of the sword, I but a beginner with it.

We rode straight in, and I heard the whistle of his blade as he cleared it about his head like a band of light. As we joined he made cut to the left, easily, gently, as he leaned forward, but it came with such swiftness that had it landed I doubt not my neck would have been shorn like a robin's.

We wheeled and came on again and yet again, and each time he put me on defense, and each time I learned more of what was before me to do. My old servant, Satan, was now his servant, and the great black horse was savage against me as was his rider. Wishing nothing so much as to kill his own rival, he came each time with his ears back and his mouth open, wicked in the old blood lust that I knew. It was the fury of his horse that saved me, I suppose, for as that mad beast bore in, striving to overthrow my own horse, the latter would flinch away in spite of all I could do, so that I needed to give him small attention when we met in these short, desperate charges. I escaped with nothing more than a rip across the shoulder, a touch on the cheek, on the arm, where his point

reached me lightly as my horse swerved away from the encounter. I could not reach Orme at all.

At last, I know not how, we clashed front on, and his horse bore mine back, with a scream fastening his teeth in the crest of my mount, as a dog seizes his prey. I saw Orme's sword turn lightly, easily again around his head, saw his wrist turn gently, smoothly down and extend in a cut which was aimed to catch me full across the head. There was no parry I could think but the full counter in kind. My blade met his with a shock that jarred my arm to the shoulder.

I saw him give back, pull off his mad horse and look at his hand, where his own sword was broken off a foot above the hilt. Smiling, he saluted with it, reigning back his horse and no more afraid of me than if I were a child. He saluted again with his broken sword and made as though to toss it from him, as indeed he did. Then like a flash his hand dropped to his holster.

I read his thought, I presume, when he made his second salute. His motion of tossing away the sword hilt gave me the fraction of time which sometimes is the difference between life and death. Our fire was almost at the same instant, but not quite. His bullet cut the epaulet clean from my left shoulder, but he did not fire again, nor did I. I saw him straighten up in his saddle, precisely as I had once seen an Indian chieftain do under Orme's own fire. He looked at me with a startled expression on his face.

At that moment there came from the edge of the woods the crack of a musket. The great horse Satan pitched his head forward and dropped limp, sinking to his knees. As he rolled he caught his rider under him. I myself sprang down, shouting out some command toward the edge of the wood, that they should leave this man to me.

I stooped and caught hold of the hind leg of the great black horse, and even as I had once turned a dead bull, so now I turned this carcass on its back. I picked up the fallen rider and carried him to the woods, and there I propped his body against a tree.

"Thank you, old man," he said, "the horse was decidedly heavy-spoiled that leg, I think." He pointed to his boot. "I suffer badly. Be a good fellow and end it."

I answered him by tossing down one of his own pistols.

"Let's talk it over a bit first," he said. "I'm done. Did you ever know me to break parole?"

"No," said I, and I threw down the other weapon on the ground. "In mercy to us both, Orme, die. I do not want to kill you now, and you shall not live."

"I'm safe enough," he said. "It's through the liver and stomach. I can't possibly get over it."

He stared straight ahead of him as though summoning his will. "Swam!" I heard him mutter, as though addressing some one.

"There, that's better," he said finally. He sat almost erect, smiling at me. "It is Asana, the art of posture."



My Blade Met His With a Shock.

me his last touch of misery and pain. Then slowly I realized that what I held in my hand was the proof of his guilt, of my innocence. He had robbed me of my father. He had given me what? At least he had given me a chance. Perhaps Ellen Meriwether would believe!

By next morning I was far on my way toward the Potomac. Then I opened the wallet I had found on Orme's body. It held memoranda, writings in cipher and foreign characters, pieces of drawings, maps and the like, all of which I destroyed. It contained also in thin foreign notes a sum large beyond the belief of what an ordinary officer would carry into battle, and this money for the time I felt justified in retaining.

Orme was no ordinary officer. He had his own ways and his own errand. His secret, however great it was—and at different times I have had reason to believe that men high in power on both sides knew how great it was and how important to be kept a secret—never became fully known.

CHAPTER XXV.

Ellen.

BY autumn I was one of the youngest colonels in the Federal army. Thus it was easy for me to find a brief furlough when we passed near Leesburg on our way to the Blue Ridge Gap, and I then ran down for a look at my valley.

I found Dr. Bond in his little brick office at the top of the hill overlooking the village. It was he who first showed me the Richmond papers with lists of the Confederate dead. Colonel Sherman's name was among the first I saw. He had been with Cummings' corps, closely opposed to my own position at Bull Run. His son Harry, practically at his side, was seriously, possibly fatally, wounded and was now in hospital at Richmond.

I showed Dr. Bond the last writing

of Gordon Orme and put before him the Bank of England notes that I had found on Orme's person, and which, by the terms of his testament, I thought might perhaps belong to me.

"Could I use any of this money with clean conscience?" I asked. "Could it honorably be employed in the discharging of the debt Orme left on my family?"

"A part of that debt you have already caused him to discharge," the old doctor answered slowly. "You would be doing a wrong if you did not oblige him to discharge the rest."

I counted out and laid on the desk before him the amount of the funds which my father's memoranda showed had been taken from him by Orme that fatal night more than a year ago. The balance of the notes I tossed into the little gap, and with no more ado we burned them there.

We concluded our conference in regard to my business matters. I learned that the coal lands had been redeemed from foreclosure, Colonel Meriwether having advanced the necessary funds; and as this now left our debt running to him, I instructed Dr. Bond to take steps to cancel it immediately and to have the property partitioned as Colonel Meriwether should determine.

"And now, Jack," said my wire-haired old friend, "here's something you ought to see. I saved it for you over there the morning you threw it into the fireplace."

He spread out on the top of the desk a folded bit of hide. Familiar enough it was to me.

"You saved but half," I said. "The other half is gone."

He pushed a flask of snuff far up his long nose. "Yes," said he quietly. "I sent it to her some three months ago."

"What did she say?"

"Nothing, you fool. What did you expect?"

"Now, my son," he concluded savagely, "if you ever dreamed of marrying any other woman dash me if I wouldn't come into court and make this indenture witness for you both—for her as well as you! Go on away now, and don't bother me any more."

Our forces passed up the valley of Virginia and rolled through the old Rockfish gap. We overspread all the Piedmont valley and passed down to the old town of Charlottesville. It was nearly deserted now. The gray southern boys who in the past rode there with their negro servants and set at naught good Thomas Jefferson's intent of simplicity in the narrow little chambers of the old University of Virginia now were gone with their horses and their servants. Today you may see their names in bronze on the tablets at the university doors.

I had quartered my men about the quiet old place when I heard the voice of my sentry challenge and caught an answering word of indignation in a woman's voice.

A low, single seated cart was halted near the curb, and one of its occupants was apparently much angered. I saw her clutch the long brown rifle barrel which extended out at the rear over the top of the seat. "You git out'n the road, man," repeated she, "or I'll take a shot at you for luck. We done come this fur, and I reckon we c'n go the rest the way."

That could be no one but old Mandy McGovern. For the sake of amusement I should have left her to make her own argument with the guard had I not in the same glance caught sight of her companion, a trim figure in close fitting corduroy of golden brown, a wide hat of russet straw shading her face. It was Ellen!

Her face went rosy red as I hastened to the side of the cart and put down Mandy's arm. She stammered, unable to speak more connectedly than I myself. Mandy could not forget her continued. "The question is, is his punishment been enough or can it be enough? Do you forgive me? We all make mistakes. Am I good enough for you, Ellen? Answer me."

But she would not yet answer. So I went on.

"I killed Gordon Orme myself in fair fight, but he wrote this of his own free will. He himself told me it would be proof. Is it proof?"

She put the paper gently to one side of her on the long seat. "I do not need it," she said. "If it came to question of proof we have learned much of these matters, my father and I, since we last met you. But I have never needed it; not even that night we said goodbye. Ah, how I wanted you back after you had gone!"

"And your father?" I asked her, my hand falling on hers.

He knows as much as I. Lately he has heard from your friend, Dr. Bond. We have both learned a great many things. We are sorry. I am sorry. I have always been sorry."

"But what more?" I asked. "Ellen?"

She put out her hands in a sort of terror. "Don't," she said. "I have put all this away for so long that now I can't begin again. I can't! I can't! I am afraid. Do not ask me. Do not. No, no!"

She started from the seat as though she would have fled in a swift panic. But I caught her.

"Stop!" I exclaimed, rage in all my heart. "I've been a fool long enough, and now I will have no more of foolishness. I will try no more to figure out what you are. I will not try to understand a woman. But, gentleman or not, I swear that if we were alone again, we two out there, you should do as I said, as I desired. And I say now you must, you shall."

She sank back against the rail with a little sigh as of content, a little smile as of a child caught in mischief and barred from escape. Oh, though I lived a thousand years, never would I say I understood a woman!

"Now we will end all this," I said, frowning. I caught her by the arm and led her to the gallery, where I picked up the bag I had left at the driveway. I myself rang at the door, not allowing her to lead me in. The orderly came.

"My compliments to General Meriwether," I said, "and Colonel Cowles would like to speak with him."

He came, that tall man, master of the mansion, dusty with his travel, stern of face, maned like a gray bear of the hills. But he smiled and reached out his hand. "Come in, sir," he said. And now we entered.

"It seems you have brought back my girl again. I hope my welcome will be warmer than it was at Laramie." He looked at us, from one to the other, the brown skin about his keen eyes wrinkling.

"I have certain things to say, general," I began. We were walking into the hall. As soon as I might I handed to him the confession of Gordon Orme. He read it with shut lips.

"Part of this I know already," he said finally, "but not this as to your



"Until death do us part."

father. You have my sympathy, and, sir, my congratulations on your accounting for such a fiend. There at least justice has been served." He hesitated before continuing.

"As to some details, I regret that my daughter has been brought into such matters," he said slowly. "I regret also that I have made many other matters worse, but I am very glad that they have now been made plain. Dr. Samuel Bond of Wallingford, your father's friend, has cleared up much of all this. I infer that he has advised you of the condition of our joint business matters?"

"Our estate is in your debt, general," I said, "but I can now adjust that. We shall pay our share. After that the lands shall be divided or held jointly, as yourself shall say."

"Why could they not remain as they are?" He smiled at me. "Let me hope so."

I turned to Ellen. "Please," I said, "bring me the other half of this."

I flung open my bag and spread upon the nearest table my half of the record of our covenant, done, as it had seemed to me, long years ago. Colonel Meriwether and I bent over the half right parchment. I saw that Ellen had gone, but presently she came again, hesitating, flushing red, and put into my hands the other half of our indenture. She carried Pete, the little dog, under her arm.

I placed the pieces edge to edge upon the table. "I rest my body on my ribs, my soul on the air. Feel my heart."

I did so and drew away my hand almost in terror. It stopped beating at his will and began again! His uncanny art was still under his control!

"I shall be master here for a little while," he said. "So—I move those hurt organs to ease the flow. But I can't stop the holes nor mend them. We can't get at the tissues to sew them fast. After a while I shall die."

He spoke clearly, with utter calmness, dispassionately.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1912

ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Election November 5, 1912
Primary Election September 3, 1912

Paul J. McCormick

(Incumbent)
Judge of Department
22 of the
Superior Court.
Announces his
Candidacy to
Succeed himself as
Judge of the Su-
perior Court of
Los Angeles County.
You may vote
for 2 persons for
Judge of the Su-
perior Court, as
there are 2 vacan-
cies to be filled.
Remember
there are no party
nominations of
any kind, for Ju-
dicial Offices, and
you may vote for any 2 candidates
regardless of your party affiliations.

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geles County.
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Candidate for Re-election: Primary
Sept. 3, 1912.

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FOR SUPERIOR JUDGE
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Subject to Decision of the Voters of
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Election on September 3, 1912.

GEORGE H. HUTTON

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Announces His Candidacy
to Succeed Himself as
Judge of the Superior Court

Fred H. Taft,
(Of Tanner, Taft & Odell)
Candidate for
Superior Judge
Subject to will of
the voters at the
Primary Election
Sept. 3, 1912.

Candidate for Republican

Nomination
ASSEMBLYMAN 61st
District

R. W. READY

A vote for me is a
vote for Theodore
Roosevelt—but not
a vote for a local
boss.

"I do not sigh for splendor;
For power I do not wish;
I merely want to get away
A week or two to fish."
—The Editor.

The editor of this paper is off duty
for the present and indefinitely. In
the meantime the Manager is getting
out the paper with such volunteer
assistance as he is able to obtain. Any
improvement in tone or excellence,
our readers may notice in its matter
is due entirely to the editor's absence.

Were the Griswold well the prop-
erty of the City of Tropico and in
the hands of a competent and at-
tentive business management it would
be of immense advantage to all the
new subdivisions adjacent to the City
on the South and West. It is a great
shame to the City that the Pacific
Home Builders were compelled to put
down a private well for a supply of
water to their thirty-acre subdivision
within the City limits. What is an
incorporated city for any way, if it
is not to supply the necessities of its
inhabitants with a system of water
supply?

Tut, tut, fellows and neighbors and
friends; why get "warm under the
collar" over as trifling a matter as the

division of the offices of the City be-
tween the two sides into which the
Boulevard divides it? Isn't the dis-
tribution of monuments as fair a one
as could be made? Haven't you of
the East side got two very worthy
men as trustees, the excellent City
Clerk, admirable City Treasurer, and
honorable City Recorder, while the
West side has three equally as worthy
trustees, Street Superintendent, City
Marshal and Building Inspector? And
hasn't Glendale got the City Attorney
and City Engineer? Why in the
world aren't you contented and hap-
py? Why not let that ancient imple-
ment of barbarian usage lie buried
and forgotten in the rubbish heap to
which only recently you solemnly and
becomingly consigned it?

The Board of Trustees of the City
of Tropico has several propositions
from outside sources for furnishing
the City and its inhabitants with elec-
tricity for light and power purposes
under consideration and in prospect,
one of which is from the Board of
Public Works and the Public Service
Commission of the City of Los Angeles,
through Mr. Scattergood, their chief
engineer, promising the City and peo-
ple an electric current for light and
power purposes in a very short time,
comparatively, and at a very low rate
per kilowatt hour. It is unquestionably
the very best offer the people of
Tropico can get, even though the cur-
rent should not be available before
April 1, 1913. It seems a long time to
ask the people to wait, but in as much
as they are in a measure to blame for
the wait they have thus far had to
endure, if the offer of Los Angeles
justifies a longer wait, would it not be
the part of wisdom to ask them to en-
dure it a matter of three or four
months longer? No arrangement is
now possible with either the Pacific
Electric Light and Power Company or
the City of Glendale by which the
present system can be extended and
improved under three or four months;
so only four months would have to
elapse before service from Los An-
geles would be at hand, in which time
the City could be getting ready to re-
ceive and utilize it.

The statement was made by Pastor
Hatch from the pulpit of the Presby-
terian Church on Sunday last that a
petition to the Board of Trustees in
circulation for a liquor license in the
City of Tropico. This is news; and
for the reason that under the City's
prohibition ordinance the Trustees
are sworn to support and enforce a
liquor license is impossible, is as ab-
surd as it is "important if true." Some
time ago the matter of a modification
of the ordinance was under discussion
by the terms of which "swell" din-
ners at which champagnes and other
wines might be served as beverages
would be permissible in private
houses and restaurants. But that is
all there was to it. The fact of the
matter is that the sale or gift of in-
toxicants, as well as their transpor-
tation, is absolutely prohibited in the
City of Tropico, and sensational rep-
resentations in regard to them are out
of place anywhere here.

ON THE RIGHT TRACK

Verdugo Canyon Water Absolutely
Free To Tropico and Glendale

Glendale's City Attorney Evans is
clearly going about his duties in guid-
ing and directing the City in its pro-
posed deal with the water companies
engaged in the business of supplying
its inhabitants with water in a sys-
tematic and business like way. At
least we so conclude from the indica-
tions thereof we saw in a Glendale
special to the "Express" of July 30,
ultimo.

His first point, though not explicitly
so presented, is that the water on
Verdugo canyon belongs to the parties
named in the decree making partition
of the Rancho San Rafael. In 1871,
their successors and assigns, as an
appurtenance to their lands for their
domestic and irrigating purposes, em-
bracing all of the water of Verdugo
canyon except so much of the East
side stream thereof as is necessary for
the domestic and irrigating purposes
of the owner of the canyon tract, the
estate of the late Teodoro Verdugo;
such successors and assigns being for
the most part the cities of Tropico and
Glendale and their inhabitants.

In other words, his first point is that
so much of the water of Verdugo can-
yon as belongs to the inhabitants of
the cities of Tropico and Glendale as
an appurtenance to the lands within
the limits of the two cities, is, by
reason of its being an appurtenance,
absolutely FREE WATER; not a men-
chantable commodity in the hands of
any company or corporation for pri-
vate profit or gain.

Consequently, in dealing with com-
panies engaged in the water supply
in Tropico and Glendale, with water
of Verdugo canyon, water values must
be eliminated from consideration and
value of distributing systems, pipes,
reservoirs, and like appliances, pro-
vided for operating the water-supply
business at the operating company's
cost and expense, must alone enter
into the calculation of a just purchase
price.

It is true that the water of Verdugo
canyon cannot be diverted from the
supply of the necessities of the in-
habitants of Tropico and Glendale any
more than can the water of Los An-
geles river be diverted from a like
service to the inhabitants of Los An-
geles.

More precisely stated then, the
water of the canyon for the territory
under the Verdugo Pipe and Reservoir
Company, the Independent Company,
Verdugo Springs Company, West
Glendale, Valley View Tract, Lometa
Tract, Harrington Brown Tract, and

Tropico Water Company, which in-
cludes the Harrington Brown Tract, is
all free water and not merchantable
for hawkers and peddlers to exploit
and sport with at "bargain counters"
of either Los Angeles, Tropico or
Glendale.

The only question, then for either
Tropico or Glendale to consider at the
present time, is whether it is better to
buy out the present distributing sys-
tems for use as far as they will serve
adequately, but at their greatly de-
preciated value only.

By a vote of 177 to 115 the House
refused to sustain the recommenda-
tion of the Appropriations Committee
to abolish the San Francisco Mint and
the Carson Mint and the Assay House
at New Orleans.

Outside of the attack on the Cayuga
breaker of the Lackawanna Coal Com-
pany in North Carolina by about 2000
farmers there is no rioting of 20n
sequence in the last 22nd solda

DR. A. M. DUNCAN will be at his
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ed at its regular meeting held on the
15th day of July, 1912, directing the
City Clerk to receive and open sealed
proposals for the construction of a
cement curb along each line of the
roadway of said Eulalia Street from a
line drawn five (5) feet Eastwardly
from and parallel with the Eastern
line of Brand Boulevard to the West-
ern line of Glendale Avenue, includ-
ing all intersections of said roadway
with the roadway of said Eulalia Street
along which a cement curb has already
been constructed, and to the City Clerk
to receive and open sealed proposals
for the construction of a cement curb
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